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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Office of Strategic Research,

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FROM :

SUBJECT : Possible Soviet Plants Producing
Missile Trailers

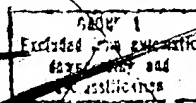
1. In accordance with your request I have listed below some Soviet plants which have the capability to produce missile ground support equipment, particularly missile transportation equipment. These plants have been selected because of their known involvement at some time in military production, or their ability to produce specialized trailers, or their experience in producing hydraulic lifting devices, or a combination of these capabilities. This list supersedes the preliminary list which I furnished you at an earlier date.

a. Chelyabinsk Heavy Trailer Works. This plant is a major producer of heavy trailers which range from twenty to one hundred twenty (120) tons capacity. Trailers known to be produced could be used to transport missiles, or this plant may produce special trailers for missile transportation.

b. Minsk Motor Vehicle Plant. This plant produces a small number of semi-trailers of about six to seven tons capacity. The plant produces dump trucks as well as other vehicles, and is capable of producing missile ground support equipment.

c. Gor'kiy Motor Vehicle Plant. This plant has long been a producer of special military vehicles. The plant also produces a small number of trailers and is capable of producing sophisticated missile transporters.

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d. Likhachev Plant, Moscow. The ZIL-135, the vehicle that transports the Frog-7 missile, is produced at the Likhachev plant. This plant may also produce other types of missile ground support equipment.

e. Kutaisi Motor Vehicle Plant. Production of this plant is mainly concentrated on dump trucks and tractor trucks. Some trailers with load capacities as high as twelve tons are also produced. This plant supplies trucks to the military, and is capable of producing missile ground support equipment.

f. Tavda Plant (Tavdinskiy Zavod) (58° 03'N 65° 15'E). This plant produces single and dual axle trailers for the timber industry, and is capable of producing missile ground support equipment.

g. Bobruysk "Mash". This plant specializes in trailer production up to four tons capacity. New facilities for this plant are scheduled for completion by 1970. Production of trailers is to increase by three or four times when the new facilities are completed. This plant may be engaged in the production of missile ground support equipment.

h. Bolashov Machine Building Plant. This plant produces a variety of trailers up to six tons capacity. Most of these trailers are for agriculture. The plant has its own design bureau for trailers and attachments. This plant may be producing missile ground support equipment.

i. Irbit Trailer Plant. In 1960 this plant was considered a possible producer of missile trailers. Since 1960 very little information on this plant has been available, which may mean that the plant's resources have been concentrated in the production of missile ground support equipment.

j. Birobidzhan Motor Vehicle and Tractor Trailer Plant. The plant produces agricultural machinery and tractor trailers. Little information on the plant's activity beyond 1963 is available. This plant is capable of producing missile trailers and associated equipment.

k. Kiev Red Excavator Plant. In 1960 this plant was believed to be a major trailer producer. The plant is known to produce the T-151A twenty ton capacity trailer, and may be producing missile ground support equipment.

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l. Serdobsk Machine Building Plant, Penza Oblast. This plant produces an average of 18,000 trailers per year of various types. Most of the trailer output is exported. The plant is capable of producing missile ground support equipment.

m. Berdyansk Road Machine Plant. This plant is known to have produced the T-151 and T-151A twenty ton capacity trailers. Information of recent trailer production is not available, nor is there any evidence that trailer production was discontinued.

n. Neris Agricultural Machinery Plant, Vilnyus. The plant is known to produce a five ton capacity trailer for agriculture. In 1965 a new building was being constructed for trailer production. This plant may be involved in the production of missile ground support equipment.

o. Saransk Motor Vehicle Plant. This plant produces dump trucks, and is known to produce seven ton capacity single axle trailers. The plant is capable of producing missile ground support equipment.

p. Nikolayev Domashina Plant. It is known that this plant produced trailers up to 1964. Evidence that trailer production was discontinued is not available. Production since 1964 may have been shifted to special missile transporters.

q. Khar'kov Road Building Machinery Plant. It is known that this plant produced the T-179, D-401A, and T-179A trailers up to 1961. Information on trailer production after 1961 is not available. There is no evidence that trailer production has been discontinued. Since 1961 production may have been shifted to missile trailers.

r. Odessa Motor Vehicle Assembly Plant. This plant produces general purpose trailers and supplies some trailers to the Likhachev plant at Moscow. Trailer production in 1967 was scheduled to increase. This plant may be involved in the production of missile ground support equipment.

s. Dzhankoy Machine Building Plant. This plant was producing general purpose trailers for agriculture up to 1963. No information on trailer production later than 1963 is available. The plant may have switched over to the production of missile trailers.

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t. Izhim Motor Vehicle Trailer Manufacturing Plant. This plant is a major producer of trailers of which a large number are exported. The plant is capable of producing missile trailers.

u. Mytishchi Machine Building Plant. As recently as 1963 this plant produced trailers up to seven tons capacity. It has the capability to produce missile trailers.

v. Machine Building Plant located at 4 Zvenigorodskaya Street, Moscow. A number of sources have sighted missile transporters parked on the factory grounds. These observations go back to 1957 and some were made by the US Air Force Attache in Moscow as recently as November 1966. This plant has been designated by the Air Force Attache as a missile trailer plant.

w. Severodvinskii Mechanical Plant. This plant produces trailers up to a capacity of forty tons. The plant is capable of producing missile ground support equipment.

x. Pavshinskii Machine Building Plant. This plant is a major producer of auto cement carriers with load capacities up to twenty-four tons. The hydraulic lifting devices used on some of these cement carriers could be used on missile transporter-erectors. This plant could produce special missile transporters.

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